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SUBJECT: SOVIETS COMPLETE PURCHASE OF TRADE REPRESENTATION
BUILDING AND REQUEST SECURITY GUARD.

REF: STATE 14946

1. IN NOTE NO. 7 RECEIVED IN DEPARTMENT JANUARY 31,
SOVIET EMBASSY ANNOUNCED COMPLETION OF PURCHASE
ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2001 CONNECTICUT AVENUE AND REQUESTED
ESTABLISHMENT OF 24-HOUR POLICE POST TO GUARD NEW
PREMISES.

2. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT: THE EMBASSY OF THE
USSR INFORMS THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OF THE USA OF THE
CONCLUSION OF SETTLEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE NEW
BUILDING FOR ITS TRADE REPRESENTATIVE AT 2001 CONNECTI-
CUT AVENUE, N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. AT THIS TIME, THE
BUILDING IS BEING PARTIALLY UTILIZED BY THE TRADE
REPRESENTATIVE.

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IN CONNECTION WITH THE ABOVE IN ORDER TO FACILITATE

REQUISITE SECURITY, THE EMBASSY ASKS THE STATE
DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT

ON A PERMANENT BASIS A 24-HOUR POLICE POST AT THE
ENTRANCE TO THE NEW BUILDING OF THE TRADE REPRESENTATION.
AT THE SAME TIME, THE EMBASSY ASKS THAT THE POLICE
POST AT THE TRADE REPRESENTATION BUILDING ON 16TH
STREET BE RETAINED TEMPORARILY. AFTER THE FINAL
TRANSFER OF THE WORK OF THE TRADE REPRESENTATION TO
THE NEW BUILDING, OF WHICH THE STATE DEPARTMENT WILL
BE INFORMED, THE REQUIREMENT FOR GUARDING THE BUILDING
ON 16TH STREET WILL CEASE.

THE EMBASSY WILL BE GRATEFUL TO THE STATE DEPART-
MENT FOR A PROMPT AND SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF THE
QUESTION RAISED IN THIS NOTE.

3. COPY OF NOTE WILL BE POUCHED TO EMBASSY.

4. DEPARTMENT RECEIVED LETTER FROM SOVIET EMBASSY
FEB 3, TRANSMITTING LETTER FROM D.C. BOARD OF ZONING
ADJUSTMENTS TO TRADE REPRESENTATIVE. BOARD HAS RESCINDED
20-PERSON STAFF LIMITATION ON CONNECTICUT AVENUE
PROPERTY.

5. FYI: SOVIET EMBASSY INFORMED DEPARTMENT FEB 3
THAT SOVIETS EXPECT TO OCCUPY BOTH THE NEW AND OLD
TRADE REPRESENTATION BUILDING FOR ABOUT FOUR MONTHS.
EPS IS BEING QUERIED TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT ABLE TO
MAINTAIN GUARD POSTS AT BOTH SITES. KISSINGER

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